

Public Works (1899) Department.

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[Despatch Abstract.]

Rules governing the grant of rent for a building
hired specially for a sub-divisional office.

Forwarding to the Dy. Administration for information
Resolution of the Govt. of India embodying
—, and for a sub-divisional office
when accommodated in the sub-divisional
Officer's residence.

Communicating to the Railway Administrations, for information, Resolution of the Government of India embodying —, and for a sub-divisional office when accommodated in the sub-divisional officer's residence.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

Railway.

Read the following paper:—

Resolution of the Government of India, Public Works Department (General), dated Simla, 6th March 1899, No. 284 G.

[Rules governing the grant of rent for a building hired specially for a sub-divisional office, and for a sub-divisional office when accommodated in the sub-divisional officer's residence.]

Read—

Public Works Department Code, Volume I, Chapter VI, paragraph 16 (4).
Government of India, Public Works Department, letter to the Government of the Punjab, No. 3548 G., dated 31st October 1892.
Government of India, Public Works Department, letter No. 2067 G., dated 13th July 1898, to Local Governments and Administrations, and their replies.

Observations.—In the code rule read above it is laid down that, when it is necessary to hire a house for a sub-divisional office, rent up to Rs. 15 per mensem may be sanctioned by the Local Government, and in special cases may be increased by the same authority. It is also laid down that, when such an office is accommodated in the sub-divisional officer's residence, no allowance is admissible except in the case of District Engineers of the Buildings and Roads Branch in the North-Western Provinces and Oudh, to whom office rent not exceeding Rs. 15 may be granted.

In 1892 the Government of India extended to sub-divisional officers in the Punjab the concession granted to District Engineers in the Buildings and Roads Branch, North-Western Provinces and Oudh, subject to two conditions, viz.—

- (1) that the sum sanctioned represented a fair share of the rent of the whole house; and
- (2) that no such rent should be granted where the house belongs to Government and is let at a rent below its full value under departmental rules.

It has been represented to the Government of India that the code rule gave rise to inconvenience, both as regards the limit of rent (Rs. 15) imposed when a house is hired for a sub-divisional officer's office, and also by reason of the prohibition against any charge for rent when such an office is accommodated in a sub-divisional officer's residence. Before, however, modifying the rule it was considered desirable to invite an expression of the views of Local Governments and Administrations and of the Director-General, Military Works, as to whether the present rule causes hardship and requires alteration.

Resolution.—The replies show that the present rule is in some respects unsuitable; and Local Governments, with one exception, recommend the withdrawal of the prohibition against grant of rent to an officer accommodating a sub-divisional office in his own residence, subject to certain reservations.

2. After considering the replies the Government of India are of opinion that, when a sub-divisional office is necessarily accommodated in the sub-divisional officer's residence, he may, under the sanction of the Local Government or Head* of a Railway Administration, in the case of railways directly controlled by the Government of India, be allowed a fair proportion

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of the rent actually paid for the house he occupies on account of the accommodation which he necessarily has to provide for the office establishment attached to his sub-division, subject to the following conditions:—

- (1) In calculating the accommodation set apart for office purposes no allowance shall be made for a separate room, apart from the office to be occupied by the sub-divisional officer.
- (2) The sub-divisional officer's immediate superior must certify both as to the amount of necessary accommodation, and that it is actually available and suitable in the house in question.
- (3) He must also certify that no Government building is available, and that no suitable separate building can be hired for the purpose at a less cost.

3. If the building is a private one, the rent to be paid by Government shall be limited to one-third its actual rent and to Rs. 20 per mensem. If the house is a Government building, the rent to be paid by the occupant should be calculated under Public Works Department Code, Volume I, Chapter X, paragraph 28, I (g), but subject to Rule II.

4. The Government of India are further pleased to decide that, in the case of a building hired specially as a sub-divisional office, no limit of rent shall be laid down by rule, but that it shall be left to the Local Government or Head of a Railway Administration, as defined in paragraph 2, to exercise their discretion in the matter.

The Governments of Madras and Bombay, Public Works Department, General and Railway Branches.
The Governments of Bengal, the North-Western Provinces and Oudh, and the Punjab.
The Government of Burma, Public Works Department, General and Railway Branches.
The Chief Commissioners of the Central Provinces, Assam and Coorg.
The Resident at Hyderabad.
The Agents to the Governor-General for Rajputana, Central India, and Baluchistan.
The Accountant-General, Public Works Department.
The Director-General of Military Works.
The Consulting Engineers to the Government of India for Railways, Calcutta, Lucknow and Assam.
The Director-General of Telegraphs.
The Managers, North-Western, Oudh and Rohilkhand, East Coast, and Eastern Bengal State Railways.
The Engineers-in-Chief, Mari-Attock, Hardwar-Dehra, Ghaziabad-Moradabad and Bezwada-Madras Railways.
The Engineers-in-Chief, Godavari and Indus Bridge Works.
The Engineers-in-Chief, Kohat-Bunno, Bara-Ajmere-Marwar and Ranaghat-Ganges-Katihar Railway Surveys.
The Port Storekeeper, State Railway Department, Calcutta.

Order.—Ordered that this Resolution be communicated to the Local Governments, Administrations and officers noted on the margin for information and guidance.

(Signed) G. H. D. WALKER,
Under Secy. to the Govt. of India.

ORDER—No. 425 Ry., dated 14th April 1899.

Communicated to the Railway Administrations for information.

(True Extract.)

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Joint Secretary.

To the Agent and Manager, Madras Railway.
" Agent, South Indian Railway.
" Examiner, Guarantee Railway Accounts.
" Consulting Engineer for Railways.

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SUBJECT

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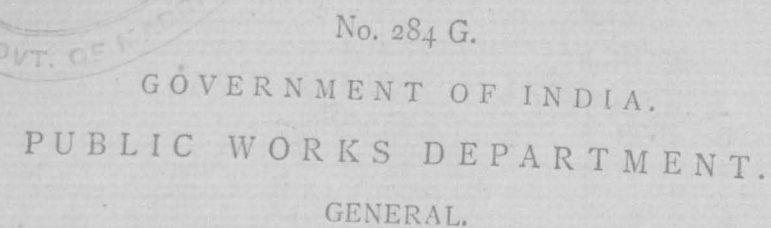
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To The Agent Manager M.R.
" S. P. R.
" Examiner G. R. & Co.
" Com. Engr. for R. & Co.

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G. M. Walker

Under Secy. to the Govt. of India.

*To The Joint Secy to the Govt of Madras,
P. W. Dept Railway Branch*